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PROJECTION OF YEAREND STRENGTH

At the Comptroller's request, the Office of Personnel has prepared its own estimate of yearend strength and has obtained corresponding estimates from the Directorates. (See Table.)

The OP estimate is based upon consideration of trends in hiring and in separations and additional consideration of prospective employees already in the pipeline. Even so, where a significant shortfall is indicated for any Directorate, past experience has indicated that any Directorate can get up to strength in relatively short time, should it desire. Hence such projected shortfalls should be taken with several grains of salt unless there is a strong Agency policy that constrains replenishment of losses.

Analysis of trends has been made more complex by the fact that time series data on separations and accessions of permanent full-time employees presently must be constructed from separate series pertaining to staff and contract employees, which include conversions from one to the other. These conversions have been removed to avoid a distorted picture.

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It is obvious that there will be a further dip in personnel strength during February, reflecting a modest retirement wave before a cost-of-living increase for retirees, and that subsequent gains will reflect such events as a new CT class and some yearend pickup of clericals.

The projected yearend deficit will be most affected by DDO policy, which has held approximately ceiling unallocated.

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The likelihood of a yearend deficit can be indicated in terms of subjective probability reflecting policies and conditions as of mid-February:

Size of Deficit	Subjective Probability
Some deficit	90%
50-100	75%
101-150	50%
150-200	30%

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